

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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October Quarterly Report (7/01/00-9/30/00)

Dear Mr. Kirincich:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

-Schedule H4 of your report discloses disbursements for the "Administrative/Voter Drive" category which use a ratio that is inconsistent with the ratio disclosed on Schedule H1 for the 2000 election cycle. The ballot composition ratio for the allocation of administrative and generic voter drive expenses should be the same for the full two-year election cycle. Please amend your report to clarify this apparent discrepancy.

Please note that if your non-federal account has overpaid your federal account because of this miscalculation, it will be necessary to immediately transfer these funds back to the non-federal account. While the Commission may take further legal action concerning any impermissible overpayments by the non-federal account, your prompt action will be taken into consideration.

-Please clarify all expenditures made for "media buy", "media tracking" and "film production" on Schedule H4. If a portion or all of these expenditures were made on behalf of specifically identified federal candidates, this amount should be disclosed on Schedules B, E, or F supporting Lines 23, 24, or 25 and include the amount, name, address and office sought by each candidate. 11 CFR §§104.3(b) and 106.1

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-Itemized disbursements must include a brief statement or description of why the disbursements were made. Please amend Schedule H4 of your report to clarify the following description(s): "consulting fees". For further guidance regarding acceptable purposes of disbursements, please refer to 11 CFR §104.3(b)(3).

-Payments made to credit card companies must identify the original vendors from which you have purchased an item or service if your payments to these vendors have exceeded \$200 this year. Please amend your report by providing the mailing address, date, amount and purpose of such payments as required by 11 CFR §104.9(b).

-On Schedule H4 supporting Line 21(a) of the Detailed Summary Page, you have not included the full name and/or mailing address for the vendor(s) listed. Please amend your report accordingly.

-Your report discloses Memo Schedule A's totaling \$2,381.65 from the State Party Democratic Victory Fund. However, there are no corresponding transfers-in from this committee disclosed on Schedule A for supporting Line 12 of the Detailed Summary Page. Please clarify this apparent discrepancy.

-Schedule B supporting Line 23 discloses contributions to federal candidates for which no election designation has been provided. Please note that if no designation is included in your report, the contributions will be attributed to the next upcoming election for the recipient candidate. Thus, for future reporting purposes, it is in your committee's interest to designate the appropriate election in order to avoid the appearance of excessive contributions made to federal candidates by your committee.

-Schedule A of your report discloses contributions from political committees that fail to include a full and/or recognizable name. Reporting only the name of the connected organization, abbreviating the name of the committee so it is unrecognizable, or using an indistinguishable acronym is inadequate. The following committee names from your report need further clarification: ATLA PAC and Watkins PAC

Please amend your report to include the missing information. 11 CFR §§100.12, 102.14(c) and 104.3(a)(4)(ii)

-Please amend Schedule B supporting Line 23 by providing the office

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sought (House or Senate), state and congressional district for each contribution made. 11 CFR §104.3(b)(3)(ii) and (v)

-Commission records indicate the name of your political committee as the Georgia Federal Elections Committee. However, your committee files reports in the name of the Democratic Party of Georgia. While committees may use commonly recognized abbreviations on daily communications (letterhead and committee checks), committee filings (disclosure reports and amendments) must reflect the official name of the connected organization, as well as any abbreviation within its title. 2 U.S.C. §432(e)(5). Please amend your report(s) to clarify this discrepancy.

A written response or an amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above problem(s) should be filed with the Federal Election Commission within fifteen (15) days of the date of this letter. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division). My local number is (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,
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